

“Education is the foundation upon which our nation is built, and the safety of students and teachers within schools must be a priority we all champion. I say “Thank you” to Congressmen Fitzpatrick and Gottheimer for their willingness to work across the aisle to introduce the bipartisan Alyssa’s Legacy Youth in School Safety Alert (ALYSSA) Act and the Strengthening Our Schools (SOS) Act of 2023 which together stand as beacons of hope and progress in protecting our educational institutions.

These two bills, are part of a comprehensive approach to school safety for all America’s students. The implementation of school safety alert systems, will empower students, educators, parents, and first responders with real-time alerts and effective communication channels, to improve critical response times.

Meanwhile, the SOS Act demonstrates a resolute commitment to enhancing School Resource Officer programs, using specifically selected and especially trained officers to create a safe and nurturing environment where all students can flourish and fulfill their potential.

After the murder of my kind, caring, and compassionate daughter Gina, and 16 other wonderful souls, I've come to the Capitol many times to say school safety should not be a partisan issue. Because, by coming together as an American family, we can ALL – be part of the solution that protects our nation's students and teachers.

Stand with Parkland - The National Association of Families for Safe Schools is proud to support both bills. Together, these efforts exemplify our dedication to safeguarding our country's most valuable asset—our children—and lay the groundwork for a brighter, more secure future for generations to come.”